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PANAMA FOR REGIONAL MARINE OFFICE

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1. REFTEL REPORTED WILLINGNESS THIS POST TO TAKE VOLUNTARY REDUCTION FROM 8 TO 7 MARINE WATCHSTANDERS. THROUGH CAREFUL SCHEDULING, POST HAS SUCCEEDED IN MAXIMIZING UTILIZATION OF WATCHSTANDERS WITHIN EXISTING GUIDELINES. HOWEVER, THIS HAS LEFT US NO FLEXIBILITY IN REARRANGING SCHEDULES.

2. IN THIS ISOLATED, HIGH ALTITUDE, HARDSHIP POST, ALL OTHER PERSONNEL HAVE ACCESS TO SOME FORM OF ALTITUDE RELIEF. MOST CIVILIANS ARE ENTITLED TO R&R AND THE MILITARY HAVE ANNUAL LEAVE AND ACCESS TO SPACE AVAILABLE FLIGHTS. THE PRESENT TIGHT SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT THE MSGS AT POST A SUFFICIENT SPAN OF TIME TO ARRANGE LEAVE THAT WOULD PERMIT THEIR GETTING A TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ENVIRONMENT. WE RECOGNIZE THE LIMITATIONS ON PERSONNEL AS OUTLINED IN REPAIR STATE A-8665 AND ARE NOT REPEAT NOT REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL WATCHSTANDER. WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN OUR PRESENT MINIMAL LEVEL AT THIS DETACHMENT IF AN OVERLAP

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OF APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS CAN BE ARRANGED WHEN A NEW

MARINE COMES ON DUTY. THIS TEMPORARY SERVICE OF ONE MARINE
WOULD FACILITATE OUR GRANTING ONE WEEKS LEAVE AFTER SIX MONTHS
AT POST TO WATCHSTANDERS AND WOULD ALSO PERMIT THE ANCOIC,
WHO MUST NOW STAND A FULL TOUR TO SPEND MORE TIME WORKING
WITH THE NCOIC ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.
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